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In re Application of George E. Fox,  
Richard C. Willson III and Zhengdong Zhang )  
Serial No.: 10/057,270 )  
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Affinity of Microorganisms and Viruses )  
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450; Group 1631  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2006, consideration of the following remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed by fax to 1 571 273 0718 of the USPTO on 17 February 2006 (37 CFR 1.10).

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